

Senate Resolution 1093

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Donald (Jones) Bland; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. Donald (Jones) Bland on February 18, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bland was born in Savannah; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans, and retired after
7 23 years of service; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Alfred E. Beach High School and received a degree in
9 criminal justice from Savannah State College; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Prince Hall Masons and Aristocrats, the American
11 Legion Post 500, and the Falcons of Savannah; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Bland was an active member of St. John
13 Baptist Church; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Bland was employed with Savannah's Neighborhood Park Services division
15 and was the proprietor of Bland's Corner Store; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Olga B. Bland, and was blessed with
17 three remarkable children, Wanda Broadnax, Donald Michael Bland, and Desiree Ishaag; and
18 three wonderful stepchildren, Jimmie Musgrow, Olga M. Williams, and Edward Musgrow;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
22 family and friends were admired by others; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
24 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
25 made this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Bland will long be remembered for his
27 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed by all
28 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Donald (Jones) Bland and express their deepest
31 and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Donald (Jones) Bland.